

## MEMBERS OF BOARDS MEET TOO

Session Will Be Held Saturday Following Convention of Teachers; Directors are Notified and Promise to Come

## BETTER EDUCATION WILL BE BOOSTED

Prominent Speakers Will Talk to Pedagogues; Concert at College and Banquet Part of Program

The coming meeting of the Grady County Teachers association, to be in session in this city during Thursday and Friday, October 28 and 29, promises to be one of the most interesting meetings of its kind ever held in this county, or perhaps, in the entire state. County Superintendent Shepard, together with his assistant, Miss Zinn, has worked hard and arduously to make the association's gathering a success and the efforts put forth in this direction promise to be most satisfactory of results.

The program promises great interest to all teachers and shows the efforts, looking toward the better education of the young people of Grady county, being used by the county's educators to be earnest ones.

Prominent speakers will address the county educators upon subjects of vital educational interest, the teachers will be entertained with a special luncheon number to be given by the Treble Clef club in the auditorium of the Oklahoma College for Women on Thursday evening and will be entertained at an elaborate banquet, provided by the members of the Epworth league; the plan of successfully conducting moonlight schools will be formulated and everything possible done to make the associations' meeting one of pleasure as well as one of instructive merit.

On Saturday the program will close with the holding of the first annual meeting of the members of the school boards of Grady county.

Mr. Shepard stated this morning that there were approximately 250 school board members in this county. He said that he had written to each of these advising of this meeting, and that practically every one of the number had written him signifying the intention of the writer to be present at this meeting. All teachers will be urged to attend the sessions of the members of the various boards of school directors of the county and take part in and have a voice in the deliberations of the joint bodies.

Another important feature of the coming event will be the holding of teachers' examinations, while the association is in session. The regular teachers' examination will be held Thursday and Friday, October 18-29.

The complete program of the teachers' meeting is as follows:

**Thursday Morning.**  
Enrollment.  
Visitation of city schools.  
**Thursday Afternoon.**  
1:30—Roll call.  
1:45—Invocation, Rev. J. A. Olds.  
2:00—Address of welcome.  
2:10—Response, Catherine Griffith.  
2:30—President's address, A. E. Wickizer.  
2:50—Mouth Conditions As It Affects the Child in School, Dr. A. C. Crose.  
3:10—Creamer's System of Penmanship, C. E. Webb.  
3:30—The Value of the Grafonola, E. H. Russell.  
3:50—Agriculture in Our Schools, O. C. Cooper, county agent.  
4:00—Duties of the Woman Agent, Mrs. Mattie Coryell.  
4:00—Announcements, Supt. M. H. Shepard.

**Thursday Evening.**  
8:00—Treble Clef club, Auditorium, O. C. W.

**Friday Morning.**  
8:30—Roll call.  
8:35—Relation of the School Board to the School, Pres. G. W. Austin, O. C. W.  
9:00—Moonlight schools: How to Organize, Bert Jackson; How to Se-

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## LINER SAFE AFTER FIRE.

By United Press.  
CHARLESTON, S. C., Oct. 26.—The Mallory liner Colorado, which caught fire yesterday afternoon, was towed into the harbor here today after the blaze had been extinguished by tugs. Part of the cargo of six thousand bales of cotton was ruined.

## BECOMES ROYAL ARCH MASON.

Congressman Scott Ferris will receive the degrees tonight which will make him a Royal Arch Mason. The degrees will be conferred by Mr. Ferris' home chapter at Lawton.

## DETAILS OF NEW PLOT REVEALED

Gompers Places Before President Alleged Scheme to Tie Up Munitions Plants; Gov't Starts Probe in N. Y.

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Samuel M. Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today placed before President Wilson the details of a new gigantic plot which he alleges has been made for the purpose of tying up factories in which munitions of war are made.

According to the information given to the president by Gompers, the alleged plot was worked up by German agents, and it was proposed to foment strikes on a huge scale in order to cripple the munition plants that are making supplies for the allies.

By United Press.  
NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—The federal government today took complete charge of the investigation of the alleged conspiracy to blow up trans-Atlantic vessels carrying munitions to the allies.

Robert Fay, alleged Prussian army lieutenant, who confessed important details of the plot, and Walter Scholz, his brother-in-law, were turned over to federal authorities by Magistrate Rander at Weehauken, N. J. They will be arraigned before a United States commissioner in New York this afternoon.

Paul Daeshet, the third man arrested, was not turned over to the federal authorities. His attorneys waived his rights and he will be given a hearing before the federal district court of New Jersey.

## DIST. COURT CONTINUES

District court reconvened yesterday morning with Judge Will Linn on the bench. Following their recessing from Friday the jury was on hands and the regular routine of the court was taken up.

The case of E. F. Short vs. H. Blair, suit on a note was called and the following jury impaneled to try the case: J. H. Elgin, James Hoover, H. S. McDaniel, C. McCormick, R. E. Edmondson, J. A. Boswell, George Dasher, F. W. DeBols, A. S. Gray, W. A. Collett, D. E. Emerson, J. L. Rasberry.

Late in the evening the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$600 and attorney's fees in the sum of \$60.

The trial of the case of Mrs. Lula Owen vs. the Knights and Ladies of Security was taken up and the following jury impaneled: L. M. Chase, S. Fitzpatrick, J. H. Elsenhour, G. A. Hale, D. C. Dals, C. Meyers, G. H. Rogers, J. Mutz, J. C. Manley, B. F. Hayes, W. W. Ham and T. McGarrin.

Motion for a new trial in the matter of the State vs. Fender Polk, passed and to be re-submitted Saturday, October 30.

All damage suits pending in the district court against the Rock Island railway company set for trial today, have been continued for the term. These suits are four in number and the amount of damages claimed will approximate between \$30,000 and \$25,000.

## CABINET OF GREECE RESIGNS?

Report Reaches Rome But is Not Confirmed; Taken to Mean War Party Has Upper Hand at Athens

## PROBLEM OF FOOD PRESSES GERMANY

Chancellor Calls Meeting of All Parties to Consider Situation; French Resist Desperate Counter Attacks

By United Press.  
ROME, Oct. 26.—Reports from Athens say the Zaimi cabinet has resigned, but the Greek legation here was unable to confirm the news. If the report is true, it is taken to mean the triumph of the Greek war party and that Greece will join the allies immediately.

**Break With Allies?**  
By United Press.  
LONDON, Oct. 26.—The Central News agency hints that a diplomatic break between Greece and the allies will result if the operations of the allies in the Balkans are interfered with by the interpretation of Greek neutrality made by Athens officials.

**Venice is Bombarded.**  
By United Press.  
ROME, Oct. 26.—Three Austrian aeroplanes bombarded Venice again today.

**Discuss Food Problem.**  
By United Press.  
COPENHAGEN, Oct. 26.—According to information coming from Berlin, Chancellor Bethmann Hollweg called a meeting of representatives of all parties in the Reichstag for Wednesday to discuss the food problem. The calling of this meeting is taken to indicate that the food situation is serious.

**French Resisting Attacks.**  
By United Press.  
PARIS, Oct. 26.—The French forces are resisting desperate German counter attacks to retain possession of La Courtaine, a highly important point in front of the Kaiser's second position in the Champagne region.

While the German and Austro-Hungarian campaigns in northern and eastern Serbia are being carried out according to plan, despite fierce Serbian resistance, and the Bulgars who crossed the Timok and hold the town of Prahovo are separated from the Germans who crossed the Danube near Orsova by only a few miles in the south, things are not going so well for the invaders. In the latter region the French troops have joined hands with the Serbs and according to French accounts have inflicted a severe defeat on the Bulgarians at Krivolak, forty miles north of the point where the Saloniki-Nish railway crosses the Serbo-Greek frontier.

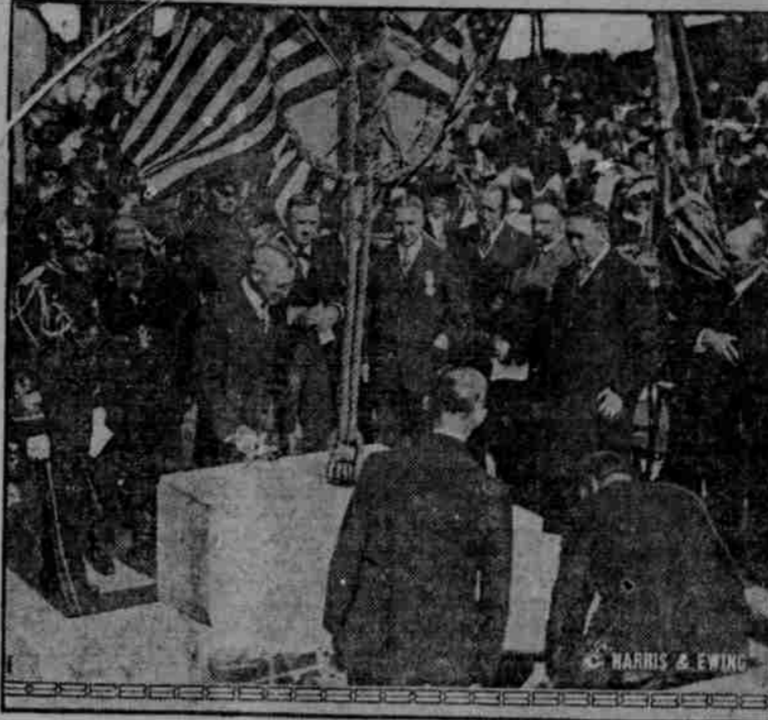
This success places the Bulgarians who reached Istip, Veles and Uskup in rather an awkward position for a further advance of the allied army would seriously threaten their flank. In fact unofficial reports state that the advance of the French, who are being closely followed by the British, has already caused the retirement of the Bulgars toward Strumitsa.

The first desire of the Germans, however, is to open a route through northeastern Serbia and Bulgaria to Turkey, and this is on the eve of being accomplished.

On the other hand, military writers here do not believe that the position of Serbia is so desperate as has been painted. It is serious, of course, but they point out that the Serbians have many natural defensive positions in the mountains in which they can hold out for weeks; that with the British, French and other members of the quadruple powers carrying out their determination to help Serbia by rushing reinforcements to Saloniki and other points, the Bulgars will have an extremely warm reception, and that the Germans and Turks being fully occupied elsewhere will not be able to send them much help.

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## PRESIDENT WILSON LAYS CORNERSTONE



President Wilson is shown in the accompanying picture officiating at the cornerstones laying exercises at the huge memorial amphitheater now being built in Arlington National cemetery as a tribute to the heroes of the Civil war.

## SESSION IS CLOSED BY TEMPLARS

With Grand Commander Present, Sir Knights Hold Triennial Conclave and Sit Together at Festal Board

The triennial district conclave of Knights Templar, held in this city, came to a close last evening shortly before midnight.

Most interesting sessions were held in the Masonic hall, during the afternoon and evening and an elaborate banquet was served at the Royal hotel during the time intervening between the sessions.

Among those present from out of Chickasha were: Grand Commander James A. Scott of Muskogee; C. A. Maddin, L. B. Ritter and W. A. Johnson of Lawton, B. J. Vaughn of Alex, John Coyle of Rush Springs, E. R. Humphrey of Vernon, Texas.

At the Royal hotel forty covers were laid, but owing to the time card of the train service between Chickasha and Purcell, no one was present from that commandery, so that only thirty Sir Knights re-assembled in the Temple and conferred the orders of the Red Cross and of the Temple upon C. L. Widney.

During the evening session addresses upon interesting Masonic subjects delivered by Grand Commander Scott by Sir Knights Ashton, McKenzie and others. In conferring the orders upon the candidate for Temple honors, W. C. Matthews presided during the work in the Red Cross, R. A. Kimbrough in the order of the Temple while, owing to the lateness of the hour, the Order of Malta was communicated by E. Hamilton.

It is not known where the next conclave for this district will be held. The Grand Commandery which will hold its annual conclave in Oklahoma City during April next will set the date and name the place for the conclave.

In the matter of the attendance of the Knights at the conclave just past, it was stated that about two-thirds of the entire membership of DeMolay Commandery of Chickasha were present. This, members of the order consider a fine showing when the fact is taken into consideration that members of this Temple are scattered all over the world. "Members of DeMolay Commandery," said Mr. E. Hamilton this morning, "will be found in Oregon, Missouri, Kansas, Manila and Honolulu."

**WEATHER FORECAST.**  
For Oklahoma.

Tonight, fair, cooler in extreme east portion. Frost tonight.

Wednesday fair and warmer in west portion.

**Local Temperature.**  
During the twenty-four hours ending at 8 o'clock a. m.:  
Maximum ..... 73  
Minimum ..... 42

## CITY HALL GRAND AND GORGEOUS

"Some" Flower Show Presented by Floor Coverings of Offices; Rare Collection of Roses in Mayor's Room

Of all the grand sights of word or pen, the grandest are these—"the city has carpets again." (Try that on your cornstalk fiddle.)

Now this may not jingle and sway and swing with the rhythm of true poetry, nor possess the proper number of feet—or yards—nor have the exact metrical scale, but truth is stranger than poetry, and this is the truth. If you do not believe it just breeze around to the city hall today and drop in for a short chat with the mayor and a word with Treasurer Clark and a whisper—just a whisper—with Curley Reynolds, of city clerk fame. And while you are chatting with the mayor and passing the time of day with the treasurer and whispering of how much it cost Curley for the Phillies to drop the pennant, just "give a look" at the floor coverings of their several offices.

Say! Talk about your roses. You never saw roses as compared to the roses you will see when you drop into the office of the mayor of the city of Chickasha; roses red and roses blue, roses bright—of every hue. Big roses, little roses; roses with and without thorns, without leaves, without odor, but roses just the same.

Now, all these posies and roses are interwoven into the fiber and made a part of the warp and woof of the mystery and dust-capturing coverings which now cover the accumulated tobacco stains which have decorated the floors of the offices of the mayor, the treasurer and the city clerk since the city hall was in the swaddling clothes of infancy.

On the mayor's office floor, to take the matter up in detail, will be found a rug, or carpet, if you like that homely and old-fashioned name better, of all the gorgeous hues of the most entrancing rainbow that ever gladdened the rosy cheeks of a child. That rug is something doing every minute of the time. It is absolutely so noisy that the night watchman at the city hall has to go home to sleep. It has woven into and made a part of it enough roses and lilies of the valley and blue bellies and violets and dog-wood blossoms and cape jasmamines and dog fennel blooms and snowballs and peonies and lilger heads and clinging vines and twigs and broken bows and poison ivy and moss and brambles, and what not, to stock the scenery of half the landscape gardens in the "Great Commonwealth of Oklahoma."

In Treasurer Clark's department the scenery upon the floor is of a more modest cast of countenance. The treasurer evidently wanted something of a neutral color—something that would not show tobacco ashes, should such chance to be spilled upon the floor—covering at some time during the day while he should be absent from the office.

things are of a little more brilliant hue than those in the department of interior, but not nearly so emblematic of the cattle of Jacob, as they are in the chief executive's department.

Curley feels that his carpet was made just loud enough to soothe his feelings and just dull enough to harmonize with those feelings every time he thinks of the ten bucks which went down in defeat when the Phillies went to pieces.

On the whole the manner in which the three offices are now fixed out in fashionable attire, reflects great credit to the present city government, so competent art critics say.

## FEAR VILLA WILL SHELL THE TOWN

Foreigners and Natives Flee to Douglas; Raiders May Attack Troop Trains; Mexican Conditions Improving

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Foreigners and Mexicans are fleeing from Aguas Prieta to Douglas, Ariz., fearing that the town will be bombed by the Villistas, according to dispatches received by the state department today. It is expected that the entire civil population will abandon the town.

Officials here express apprehension that the troop trains that are moving five thousand Carranzistas from Eagle Pass across American soil, to join the garrison of General Calles at Agua Prieta, will be attacked by border raiders and dynamited. American soldiers are patrolling the border to prevent such an attack.

Except along the border, the state department reports indicate improvement in Mexican conditions. Through train and telegraph service from Laredo to Mexico City has been re-established for the first time in two years.

## OFFER VILLA BIG SUM TO CLEAR OUT

By United Press.  
EL PASO, Oct. 26.—According to reports current here today, Carranza will try to buy off Villa. Carranza is said to feel that the end justifies any means to restore complete peace in Mexico.

Reports say that a quarter of a million dollars will be offered to Villa to leave Mexico immediately and that George Carothers, special agent of the state department, is taking the offer to Villa.

In addition to the money, Carranza assured Villa of complete amnesty later and will permit him to return to Mexico with every guarantee of safety. A position in the Mexican army may even be offered to him in the future, it is said.

## LITTLE TROUBLE AT LIGHT PLANT

A slight accident to the machinery which generates the "juice" for the street lights, on what is known as the "Western Electric" circuit, put those particular lights out of commission for the greater part of the night.

The accident occurred shortly after the lights were turned on and could not be remedied until this morning. Owing to the brilliancy of the moon and the fact that the greater number of the lights on this circuit are in the business district, where the reflection of the lights from the numerous store windows lighted the main thoroughfares during the hours when lights were mostly needed, very little inconvenience was experienced by the general public.

The management of the Chickasha Gas & Electric company has seen to it that the disarrangement of the machinery has been adjusted and the lights will be in full force this evening and throughout the entire night.

## WAR FAILS TO HAMPER FREE TALK

British Bobbies Gather About Nelson Monument and Listen to Spier Berate the Bloomin' Government

## "THREE CHEERS FOR AMERICAN BACON"

Product of United States Packery Makes Hit Among Belgians Who Become Big Boosters of Side Meat

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD.  
(U. P. staff correspondent.)  
LONDON, Sept. 8.—(By mail.)—The war hasn't killed free speech in England. When an Englishman wins a right, he holds to it.

Here's a scene at Trafalgar Square last Sunday.

A huge crowd gathered around Nelson monument; a tall man with an iron grey beard, standing on the historic plinth, a banner either side of him, his strong voice fills the square. You crowd up to hear him.

One banner reads, "These policemen were fined for trying to start a policeman's union." Graves, McPea and Smith, it appears, were the names of the unfortunate coppers. Another banner says, "What about war bonuses for policemen and prison warders?"

The man is talking about oppressed policemen! Being an American and coming from a land of free and emancipated policeman, you laugh.

But this thousand persons listens intently to the woes of the "Union of Policemen and Prison Warders."

"They won't let us have a union," he shouts. "England is in the midst of a great war, with a country that is ruled by tyrants. But I want to tell you that there are no tyrants in the world meaner than the men who govern the police department."

He points a long arm down Whitehall—which is the Pennsylvania avenue of London—as much as to say: "Who will go down Whitehall with me and blow up police headquarters?"

On the same spot where he stands the suffrage riots were started; from this same place thousands of Englishmen, at different times in English history, have massed their way down "Government avenue" to the office of some unhappy erring official. As he talks now a score of policemen are standing by, to see that no one interferes with his free speech.

He may curse the government all he pleases, even though the government's knee deep in war.

For an hour he talks about the woes of the unhappy policeman. Not a word does he say about enlistment or England's need for men.

Then he rolls up his two banners, climbs down off the plinth and goes away.

**American Bacon There.**  
LONDON, Sept. 6.—(By mail.)—Three cheers for American bacon! "Lard Americans," the French call it, but, by any other name, it is as appetizing. They did not know of bacon before the war. That is, not by that name.

The Belgian relief committee has informally let the packers of Chicago know that the Belgians and the northern French sufferers have become enthusiastic boosters of this by-product of the American hog.

Each new consignment of bacon that reaches the Belgian or French relief stations is taken quickly by the war sufferers.

The head of one of the big American packing companies, now in Europe, says:

"American packers are getting better advertisement for bacon here in Europe than they are at the world's fairs."

"When the war is over and the people in northern France are able to tell the people in southern France what they think of American bacon, I think the French will add another delicacy to their cuisine."

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Gregory have gone to Naples, Okla., to make their home.